

CANNOT BE ENFORCED HERE

THE EDMUNDS ACT NOT APPLICABLE
IN THIS DISTRICT.

The Statute Created for Utah and Polygamous Mormons—It Applies Nowhere Else—All the Prosecutions in the Police Court Discontinued.

The court in general term yesterday without much apparent effort settled any further attempt to enforce upon the District what is known as the Edmunds law passed by Congress and intended to apply to the Mormons of the territory of Utah. Last summer Dr. Millard H. Crawford, passed assistant surgeon of the United States navy, was brought into the palace of justice on a charge of bigamy. His wife named Eva White, the information being filed by District Attorney Worthington under the Edmunds act, said to be applicable to the territories, and the District of Columbia was regarded as a territory. The story was made public by the press. Dr. Crawford, in the outset and most positively, declared his innocence of the

proctor could be produced to sustain it. His attorneys, Mr. C. Maurice Smith and late Charles S. Moore, did not care to spend money on the trial, and the law which they believed had no foundation in law was sought which they supposed was a road out of it. If there was no law to violate, then no crime had been committed, even supposing Dr. Crawford guilty of the charge preferred, and acting upon this assumption the attorneys raised the point that the Edmunds law was not in force in the District of Columbia, and was not created by Congress with any intent to apply to this District. The government accepted the issue, argument ensued, and acting Judge Harper held that the law was

During the next several days, a number of witnesses were examined, and, while there was no doubt in the judge's mind that Crawford was guilty, he was not satisfied that the circumstantial evidence was sufficiently strong and found him guilty only on the default of payment, was imposed, and, as a result of this judgment an appeal was taken to the criminal court. While awaiting the trial in the District Court, Crawford had been applying the law in this District. His case was further discussed among the attorneys, and the ruling in the police court. As other cases came under this statute were soon to follow, an appeal was taken to the District Court. The District Court, in its decision, it was determined to follow the ruling of the Supreme Court of this District, and the case of Mr. Crawford was taken up on certiorari. The case was argued before the District Court, and the ruling was made by the District Judge, who was

trict of Columbia, and by Hon. J. Chandler and C. Maurice Smith, who opposed this position and contended that its origin and passage by Congress no other spot was contemplated or intended to be affected by it than the territory of Utah and the Mormons living there in polygamy. Mr. Chandler, in presenting his argument to the court, took occasion to review many of the circumstances connected with the consideration of the bill in the Senate and House for the purpose of showing that the

clusively to Utah, and that this District was not thought of in connection with the act. All doubts in regard to the matter were set at rest yesterday by the opinion of the court in general term, delivered by Chief Justice Bingham. The opinion was verbal, but his honor stated that he would write it out hereafter in order it might be had for future reference. The court holds that the statute was lawfully extended for the territory of ANTI MONOPOLY Branch, 16-35 A -

This decision upsets all prosecution which have taken place under the act in the

pending there, that of Michael Lohmelt was dismissed and thus ended the protracted trial on the Edmunds law in the District.

POTOMAC FAIR—Admission, 10 cents.

Dr. Moffatt's Expensive Visit.
Samuel W. Moffatt, a physician, tied his horse to a tree on Eighth street northwest yesterday afternoon, seemingly oblivious of the fact that the tree was a public nuisance in these blizzard-stricken times. However, the tree thus utilized as a hitching post was not a tree at all, but a horse which emerged from his patient's house; the bug was yet there, the thoughtful horse-keeper was not. The doctor, evidently much distressed to witness his weather-wit slip, and, keeping vigil over horse, bug, tree, and house, he called on his friend, Dr. J. C. Jones, a less doctor to accompany him to the city, to prevent a storm, where he was required to disport his collateral to appear in the District Court for charging a city ordinance. He was fined \$100 and told to look after his animal in the future.

Washington Alumni Association.
A meeting of the resident members of Chi Psi Fraternity, whose chapters are cared in many of the prominent colleges the country, was held at Willard's Hotel before last evening, and organized a Washington Alumni Association, electing Senator Palm of Michigan, as president; Gen. F. D. Sewa vice president; L. W. Naylor, secretary; L. B. Butler, and the following association committees: W. E. Earle, chairman; Charles Lewis, and George Doolittle.

The annual convention of the fraternity to be held in this city Apr. 4, 5, and 6.

The annual election of directors of the Northern Liberty Market Company was held yesterday at the office of the secretary and resulted in the re-election of the present members, as follows: Thos. E. Holmes, F. E. Danahy, George W. Miller, Martin J. Mott, George Hamilton, J. Mearns, David Theodore Barn, Wm. Miller, and E. G. Gummel. The board will organize on Friday next and elect a president and secretary.

Prof. Bisetto will give the first lecture, the course of instruction in his System of Masonry at Masonic Temple, on Friday afternoon at 1:30, and in the evening at 8. Prospective full information, and tickets of admission to the course can be obtained from R. E. Fox.

PERSONALITIES.

VERONA JARREAU is at Willard's.
N. SCHLOSS, of Lynchburg, Va., is at Wel-
er's.
HON. GEO. GRAY, of Delaware, is at
Metropolitan.
EX-GOV. A. G. CURTIS, of Pennsylvania,
is at Chamberlin's.
PROF. A. LOINETTE, of New York, is quar-
tered at the Riggs House.
EX-CONGRESSMAN J. H. MURPHY, of In-

Wm. L. Brown, of New York, was yesterday admitted to practice before the bar of the district courts.

SENATOR RINDLEBERGER will speak at the coming celebration of the St. Patrick's day in New York.

Mrs. and Mrs. Tucker have returned from their recent visit to the city of New York.

of Mrs. Tucker's mother.

HORACE B. PATTEN, son of President Patten of Howard University, has been chosen assistant professor of mineralogy in the University of Heidelberg.